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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MILI, TW, US, OTRA (GURECK, RADM W.A.)  
SUBJECT: VISIT TO TAIWAN TO DISCUSS APRIL , 1978 AIR  
DEFENSE EXERCISE

1. TDC HAS ADVISED US THAT REAR ADMIRAL W.A. GURECK, THE NEW COMMANDER OF TASK FORCE SEVENTY SEVEN POINT FOUR (THE TASK GROUP WHICH NORMALLY PROVIDES AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER AND SOME AIRCRAFT FOR THE BLUESKY PORTION OF AIR DEFENSE EXERCISES) PLANS TO VISIT TAIWAN MARCH 31-APRIL 3. PURPOSE WOULD BE DISCUSSION WITH TDC AND ROC COMMANDERS INVOLVED IN PLANNING A BLUESKY/EAGLE/LARK EXERCISE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 24-29, 1978. VISIT WOULD NOT INVOLVE MEETINGS WITH ROC OFFICIALS OTHER THAN MILITARY PERSONNEL DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH EXERCISE PLANNING. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ASD/ISA CLEARANCE IS PENDING. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO GURECK VISIT, ASSUMING THAT DEPARTMENT APPROVES THE APRIL EXERCISE.

2. AS FOR APRIL BLUESKY/EAGLE/LARK, THERE WILL BE A MAXIMUM OF ABOUT 51 AIRCRAFT PARTICIPATING ON THE U.S. SIDE. THE CARRIER USS MIDWAY WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE. ON THE ROC SIDE, ABOUT 50 AIRCRAFT AND THREE OR FOUR DESTROYERS WILL BE INVOLVED.  
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3. TDC HAS ASSURED US THAT ALL ACTIVITY CONNECTED WITH THIS EXERCISE WILL BE EAST OF THE NO-FLY LINE, WHICH IS MORE THAN 50 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE COAST OF THE PRC. TDC PAO WILL RESPOND TO ANY PRESS QUERIES WITH STANDING GUIDANCE "WE DO NOT COMMENT ON MILITARY EXERCISES."

4. FYI: 55 U.S. AIRCRAFT PARTICIPATED IN THE LAST  
BLUESKY/EAGLE/LARK EXERCISE, BBO  
WAY HELD IN  
DECEMBER, 1977. THE DECEMBER, 1976 BLUESKY/EAGLE/LARK  
INCLUDED 73 U.S. AIRCRAFT.  
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